

SQUAD TO EAT SULPHURED FRUIT

The California Medical Men Start Campaign to Find Its Real Effect on Health.

USE WILEY'S METHOD OF A "POISON SQUAD"

Many Prominent Men in the Movement to Settle Controversy Between Packers and Federal Authorities.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—A campaign of experiments calculated to demonstrate beyond any doubt whether sulphur dioxide as used at present in this state in the preparation of dried fruits is harmful to the human system has been inaugurated by local medical men and chemists, as a result of the long standing controversy between the pure food authorities at Washington and the dried fruit packers of California. A "poison squad" has been selected and it is proposed to use his own familiar weapons against Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture.

The experiments will be conducted by Dr. Albert J. Atkins, a local physician and a member of the world's congress of medical science. Associated with him in the tests are a number of chemists and physicians, including Dr. Alfred Regensburger, president of the State Board of Health, and several specialists. Dr. Elmer E. Gates, a prominent scientist of Washington, also is participating in the work. California dried fruits upon his table and made minute reports upon the effect of eating them.

Instead of "poison squad," Dr. Atkins calls the dozen men who will be engaged in the tests the "health squad." The sulphured fruits will be served to the men composing the "health squad" but once a day—the daily luncheon. The daily report of the health squad will be made. The experiments do not contemplate changing the ordinary routine of the men nor will any attempt be made to depart from the customary method of the housewife in preparing dried fruit for the table. Dr. Atkins contends that clinical experiments such as he proposes are of greater value in arriving at the truth of the matter than the laboratory experiments conducted by Dr. Wiley.

RESCUE STATIONS IN COAL FIELDS

U. S. Geological Survey to Attempt Reduction of Fatalities in the Mining Section.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Carrying out its efforts to reduce the number of fatalities in coal mines, the United States Geological Survey is about to establish rescue stations in the principal coal fields of the country, in addition to the experiment station now located at Pittsburg. It will be the purpose of the experiment station to train the miners and mine bosses how to use the most approved apparatus for rescue.

Government mining engineers will be assigned to the stations and will be ready at a moment's notice to go to the scene of any disaster. They will be equipped with oxygen helmets, which will enable them to enter a mine at once even though it be filled with gas or smoke.

It is the intention to have every station fitted up with an outfit room, where gas can be generated. The coal mining companies have been invited to send picked men to these stations, where they will be trained in the use of oxygen helmets.

One of the stations may be established at Salt Lake to care for the Utah, Montana and Washington coal fields.

At these stations not only will opportunity be given to the miners to become familiar with the apparatus, but they will be instructed in the use of the same. The general safety and efficiency in the presence of the miners and mine owners.

BANK ROBBERS FREE BUT ARE "SPOTTED"

Portland Detectives Believe They Have Bad Trio Under Close Surveillance.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—It was learned today that three John Doe wannabes were being followed by the Portland police in connection with the last side bank robbery which occurred December 17. The request for the warrants was made by a detective agency which has the pursuit of John Doe wannabes as its specialty. The agency has been working for some time and has been successful in securing the whereabouts of the three robbers.

It is stated that two of the three robbers are in Eastern Oregon and that the other is in the Pacific coast.

The \$200 which was sent to Ogden from here shortly after the robbery addressed to Charles Price, was, it has been learned, again turned over to the Charles Price who originally claimed the money and was by him deposited in a bank in Ogden. Negotiations are now pending between the East Side bank and the Ogden bank for the return of the money.

SET FOREST AFIRE TO SECURE GAME

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Charged with the malicious setting of a destructive fire in the Klamath forest, a government reserve, which destroyed much valuable timber in Northern California and Southern Oregon, a man was today placed on trial tomorrow by the U. S. district court before Judge J. D. Haven. Allegations made against Webb are that he set the fire because of enmity to the government forest service and to make easier the hunting of deer and other wild animals.

MURDER IS DONE IN CHURCH FIGHT

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—That a fatal result of a fight in a church was the death of a man, the police today in trying to solve the mystery of the death of an unidentified Greek whose body was found near a Jewish cemetery, pieces of clothing were scattered over the place, a fence had been broken down and a party empty revolver was found. The man had been shot through the heart, evidently after having been badly beaten.

The fact that the body was found Saturday was connected by the police with a wild scene during a church service on Christmas morning, when opposing factions drew knives and revolvers and engaged in a general fight until the police interfered.

BAD EARTHQUAKE; DAMAGE UNKNOWN

Montana Town Severely Shaken and Communication With It Is Cut Off.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 27.—A minor earthquake from Virginia City, Mont., tonight states that at 1:30 this afternoon that section was shaken by the severest of the series of seismic disturbances that have been going on for weeks. The electric power and light plant was put out of commission. This plant is located ten miles distant from Virginia City and as telephonic communication with it has been interrupted it is impossible at this time to ascertain the extent of the damage done. Virginia City is in darkness tonight and much alarm exists.

During the past week this city has experienced more than thirty earthquakes in which the earth movement was pronounced. Last Monday two shocks within ten minutes of each other caused the people to rush into the streets. Several buildings and discolored considerable plaster.

This afternoon's tremor further cracked buildings, threw down plaster and scattered dishes from the shelves and tables.

WOULD STOP PUBLIC PLAYING THE PONIES

Mass Meeting to Take Measures Toward Eradication of the Race Track Is Held.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—A mass meeting, attended by about 1,000 persons, was held in Temple Auditorium this afternoon to take measures looking to the eradication of race track gambling. The meeting was called by the City Right committee, which was presided over by Edwin A. Moser. Resolutions were passed urging the members of the city legislature to use every effort to secure the passage of a bill prohibiting gambling on horse races within the confines of the state.

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Large Capitalist ACCUSED OF THEFT

Memphis Man, Arrested in San Francisco, Says His Mind Is a Complete Blank

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Captain of Police Perry of Memphis, Tenn., arrived here today to get William A. Dolph, a partner in the Dolph-Louis company of Memphis, who has been indicted in that city on a charge of embezzlement and was arrested here upon telegraphic advices from Tennessee. Captain Perry stated tonight that he expected the papers for the extradition of Dolph tomorrow and will at once take them to Sacramento for the signature of Governor Gillett.

Dolph has several friends in this and the surrounding cities and, with one of these, James B. Sloan of Berkeley, he has been staying since his arrival on the Pacific coast some weeks ago. It was at Sloan's home that he was arrested. His wife arrived from Tennessee last Monday and when she heard of his arrest, at once instituted proceedings to secure his release on a writ of Habeas corpus. The hearing is set of Wednesday and the bail was yesterday fixed by Superior Judge Cook at \$2,000.

According to the story told by Dolph, he has no recollection of his arrest since leaving his home in Memphis on the morning of November 19th to go to his office until he suddenly awoke to find himself in San Francisco. He at once called upon friend C. K. McInnis, vice-president of the San Francisco National bank and by means of a draft on his firm which was honored by the bank, secured the funds of which he was in need. Mrs. Dolph stated that the first news she received of her husband's disappearance was on the arrival of the draft. The following day she received a letter from him telling of his strange plight and who at once started for San Francisco to take him home.

She declares that the indictment of her husband must be a mistake and believes his accounts are in perfect order.

SALESMAN'S BODY FOUND IN RIVER

REDDING, Cal., Dec. 27.—The body of A. B. Coon, a San Francisco traveling salesman, was recovered from the Sacramento river last night, opposite the city where his coat and hat were found last Sunday. Since the disappearance of Coon, the river was dragged for some distance as it was thought he had committed suicide. Late yesterday evening the grunting heaves brought up the body at a point where the river was 30 feet deep.

Coon's home was in Republic, Mo. His life, it is said, was insured for \$45,000.

COUNCIL OF 3 NATIONS IS CALLED

Roosevelt Invites Canada and Mexico to the Coming Conservation Congress

WILL FORM PLANS TO SAVE RESOURCES

Gifford Pinchot Bears Invitation to Meeting at the White House Which Is Set for February 18th Next.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—It was announced today at the White House that a conference looking toward the conservation of the natural resources of North America would be held at the White House February 18th next.

Letters suggesting the plan have been addressed by President Roosevelt to the governor general and to the premier of Canada and to President Diaz of Mexico. They will be delivered to the officials in person by Gifford Pinchot, chairman of the National Conservation Commission and chief forester of the United States.

Mr. Pinchot will first visit Canada, leaving tomorrow. He will then carry the invitation to President Diaz of Mexico City.

The proposed conference is the outgrowth of the two conservation conferences in which the governors of the states and territories were the principal conferees. At the second conference, representatives of the Canadian government expressed their interest in the movement. Out of this grew the idea of a North American conference to consider mutual interests involved in the conservation of natural resources and to deliberate upon the practicality of preparing a plan adapted to promote the welfare of the nations concerned.

The president's letter to the governor general of Canada is as follows: ROOSEVELT'S LETTER.

"In May of the present year the governors of the several states and territories of this union met in the White House to confer with the president and with each other concerning the amount and condition of the natural resources of this country and to consider the most effective means of conserving them. The conference was followed by the appointment of conservation commissions on the part of the nation and of a majority of the states.

A second conference has recently been held in this city. It was called to consider an inventory of our natural resources prepared for the national conservation commission. Its most important result will doubtless appear in cooperation on the part of the nation, the states and the great associations of citizens for action upon this great question upon which the progress of the people of the United States obviously depends.

It is evident that the natural resources are not limited by boundary lines which separate nations and that the need for conserving them upon this continent is as wide as the area upon which they exist. In view, therefore, of these considerations and of the close bonds of friendship and mutual aims which exist between Canada and the United States, I take especial pleasure in inviting you to designate representatives of the government of Canada to meet and consult with representatives of the state and other departments of this government and the national conservation commission in the city of Washington on February 18, 1909. The purpose of the conference I have in mind is to consider mutual interests involved in the conservation of natural resources, and in this great field to deliberate upon the practicality of preparing a general plan adapted to promote the welfare of the nations concerned.

"I have this day addressed a similar invitation to the Republic of Mexico, expressing my hope that representatives of that government also will be present and participate in the proposed conference for the preservation of natural resources of North America."

CONFERENCE ADVISORY.

"The conclusions of such a conference, while advisory in character, should hardly fail to yield important beneficial results both in a better knowledge of the natural resources of each nation on the part of others and suggestions for co-operation action for the protection of mutual interests of each nation on the part of others and suggestions for co-operation action for the protection of mutual interests of each nation on the part of others."

"As my representative to come to you this letter and invitation and, concerning the proposed conference, I have selected an officer of this government, Chief of the United States Forest Service and Chairman of the National Conservation Commission, whom I commend to your kind offices."

"Sincerely yours,"

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

TRIES SUICIDE IN PRESENCE OF CHILD

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—While crossing the bay from Oakland to this city this afternoon on a ferry steamer, accompanied by her small daughter, Mrs. Mary Dine, wife of a holding engineer residing in Oakland, leaped from the boat into the bay intending to take her own life. She was picked up by a life boat from the steamer. At the Harbor hospital, where she was treated for the chill and shock she experienced, Mrs. Dine said that domestic troubles had led to her attempted suicide.

SCHOONER IS WRECK; CREW HAS VANISHED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The Merchants' Exchange of this city received a dispatch tonight stating that the schooner Catalina, which was wrecked on the coast seven miles south of Grays Harbor, Captain Johnson of Gray's Harbor visited the wreck this afternoon and found no one aboard. It is feared that the crew perished when the vessel struck, as no word of them has been received. The exchange here has no record of the schooner, and it is thought she is a new schooner.

HEROIC FIREMAN SAVES SUPERIOR

Fire Captain Ely Rescued from Death in the Flames By His Plucky Lieutenant

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—A fire which caused a loss of \$100,000 and the partial destruction of the city of Los Angeles, occurred this afternoon in the Occidental Hotel building on South 1100 street between Fourth and Fifth. An explosion in the basement, where the Tigger Decorating Company stores a large quantity of paints and other materials, caused the fire. Fire Captain Ely, who was the hero of the occasion, leaping into the burning basement and rescuing Captain Ely from certain death at the moment of his escape. The captain was badly burned and bruised and his hand was painfully bruised.

About 100 guests were in the hotel at the time the fire started, and the proprietor, George W. Von Aichele, heroically rescued them from the flames. The fire started in the basement, where the Tigger Decorating Company stores a large quantity of paints and other materials, caused the fire. Fire Captain Ely, who was the hero of the occasion, leaping into the burning basement and rescuing Captain Ely from certain death at the moment of his escape. The captain was badly burned and bruised and his hand was painfully bruised.

BUCHANAN IS IN VENEZUELA NOW

American Commissioner Reported By Wireless 100 Miles from Port on Cruiser

WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 27.—According to wireless dispatches received here the United States cruiser North Carolina was 100 miles from Curacao at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon bound for La Guaira, a port on the coast of Venezuela. The special commissioner of the United States to Venezuela, another message said that the battleship Maine was following the North Carolina at a distance of 200 miles.

Political exiles are returning to Caracas at the summons of President Chazotte, who in order to unite all parties and factions in Venezuela has ordered the prisons to be cleared and has invited those long since banished from the country to come back.

The steamer Zulia arrived here today from Maracaibo with eighteen former political prisoners aboard. General Bello, the commander at Fort San Carlos, Maracaibo, whose assassination was attempted recently, was a passenger.

The Zulia left later for La Guaira with the exiles, who represent all political parties. They were given an enthusiastic ovation by the people of Curacao and before their departure were presented with a paper bidding them adieu on which was inscribed the words: "We are with you." It was stated that only one man was the enemy of the exiles, and he had now lost his prestige.

Latest advices from Caracas state that the situation under the new administration of Gomez is excellent. The president's policy has been directed toward relieving the injustices suffered by the people of the interior and in establishing harmony with outside powers. This policy has been received with enthusiasm by all parties in Venezuela and has created a feeling among the people that peace is assured.

The departure of Jose de J. Pantoja, recently minister of foreign affairs on a mission to Europe is confirmed. He is expected to return to the city in a few days. The differences between Venezuela and France and Holland.

JOHN CLAUDIANES WANTS TO RETRACT

Desire for Reward Prompted Confession of Dynamiting the Gallagher House.

OAKLAND, Dec. 27.—John Claudianes, brother of Peter Claudianes, who has been convicted of dynamiting the home of former Superior Judge J. L. Gallagher in San Francisco, and sentenced to life imprisonment, has today made a confession to the police. The confession made several months ago and which led to the capture and trial of Peter, John now asserts that his share of the \$1,000 reward offered for information leading to the arrest of the dynamiter was so great that he manufactured the tale which he unfolded to the authorities and which has placed his brother behind the bars for life. He says he had no idea the results of his confession would be so great and wishes to retract it entirely.

John Claudianes is charged with complicity in the dynamiting outrage, and will appear in court tomorrow to hear the setting of his case for trial.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 27.—President-elect Taft observed Sunday as a day of rest, remaining in his country residence known as "Whatcheeer Joe," a well known local character, and formerly a runner for the Whatcheeer House, a hostelry which flourished in this city in the days before the fire, was found in a vacant lot today with a half empty bottle of carbolic acid beside it, indicating the cause of death. Ill health and dependency owing to lack of employment are thought to have caused the old man to take his life.

"WHATCHEEER JOE" SUICIDES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The body of J. M. Whatcheeer, 76 years old, known as "Whatcheeer Joe," a well known local character, and formerly a runner for the Whatcheeer House, a hostelry which flourished in this city in the days before the fire, was found in a vacant lot today with a half empty bottle of carbolic acid beside it, indicating the cause of death. Ill health and dependency owing to lack of employment are thought to have caused the old man to take his life.

CONGRESSMEN SAIL FOR PANAMA

House Committee Members Go to Investigate Conditions in the Canal Zone.

JUDICIARY SYSTEM UNDER DISCUSSION

No Bill on Panama Contemplated at This Session of Congress, But House Members Want Information.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—To familiarize themselves with conditions under the present form of government of the Panama canal zone, twelve members of the House committee on foreign affairs and interstate commerce will leave Charleston tomorrow for Colon. It is not thought that any measure having for its object a change in the form of the civil government for the zone will be considered by Congress at the present session, but the committee will find the information of value later.

There has been some discussion as to the advisability of attaching the zone to one of the Southern states of technical court in order to overcome criticism of the prevailing judiciary system.

The congressional party will investigate this matter and also all phases of the construction of the canal. It is understood that the officials of the commission believe that any change in the present system of government would be detrimental to the advancement of the canal. The party will reach Colon on January 2, arriving in Washington returning January 14. Those who will be accompanied by their wives are Representatives Hepburn of Iowa, Cushman of Washington, Kennedy of Ohio and Ryan of New York. The committee also includes Representative Stevens of Minnesota, Esch of Wisconsin, Townsend of Virginia, Knowland of California, Hubbard of West Virginia, Adair of Georgia, Richardson of Alabama and Bartlett of Georgia.

Representatives Moore of Wisconsin, Humphrey of Washington, Lee of Georgia, Connor of Iowa and Lord of Michigan also will be members of the party, as will J. F. Bryan, clerk of the committee.

MURDEROUS FEUD OVER A \$125 DEBT

Two Brothers Kill One and Wound Another Member of the Debtor's Family.

RENO, N. H., Dec. 27.—Rudy File was shot and killed and his brother Noah File was wounded by John and George Williford in the kitchen of the File home near here last night, while attempting to prevent the Williford brothers from injuring Samuel File.

The Williford brothers pursued Samuel File for more than two miles and when they reached the File home, they demanded admittance. After entering the house the Williford brothers, according to one story, accused Samuel File of wronging a relative. Rudy attempted to make George put down his pistol and was shot in the right cheek. He died three hours later. Noah attempted to disarm John Williford and was shot in the right cheek. He was recovered.

Noah File seized a shotgun and chased the Williford brothers from the house. John Williford and his brother James, who was not in the house, were arrested and lodged in jail at Greenfield. George has not been located. Rudy File was 19 years old and Noah 25. John Williford was 20 and George Williford 23.

The cause of the shooting, according to Henry M. Williford, the father of the boys, is that Samuel File refused to pay a debt of \$125, which he owed George Williford.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIANS PREPARED TO ATTACK

Have Force on Serbian Frontier—Typhus Among Soldiers, Aggravated by Cold.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Vienna to the Daily Express says that the Austro-Hungarian army has a force of 12,000 men in Bosnia and Herzegovina ready to invade Serbia at a moment's notice.

The Daily Mail's correspondent says typhus has broken out among the Austro-Hungarian troops in Bosnia and that the troops are suffering greatly from cold and exposure. Many deaths have occurred.

A dispatch from Cetinje, Montenegro, announced the departure of the war minister and general staff on a tour of inspection of the Herzegovina frontier.

LAST FLIGHT THIS YEAR TAKEN BY R. KNABENSHUE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Roy Knabenshue, accompanied by his engineer, George Schenck, made the last flight for the present season in his dirigible airship at 3:30 p.m. today. It was the twenty-sixth flight he has made in the machine, and was very successful. He rose to a height of 200 feet and sailed over the grounds, directing his course as he pleased. He remained in the air for half an hour.

MEXICAN IS KNIFED DURING ARGUMENT

OAKLAND, Dec. 27.—As the result of a cutting argument, caused by a quarrel over a cigarette and a quarrel at 304 Union street to night, Manuel Rodriguez is dead, and four other Portuguese are in jail. The names of the arrested men are John Gonzales, J. Perez, Lopez, Joseph Paxon and Jacob Vital. Vital, according to the statement of John Rodriguez, a 12-year-old lad, and other eye witnesses, plunged a pocket knife into Rodriguez's groin, cutting the femoral artery and resulting in death five minutes later after the man was taken to the emergency hospital. The man, it is said, had been drinking heavily during the afternoon and evening.

EVACUATION WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK

"U. S. Army of Pacifica Cuba in a Few Days."

HAVANA, Dec. 27.—New Year's day will witness the beginning of the evacuation of Cuba by the army of pacification which has been in possession of the island since the beginning of the provincial government, October, 1906.

The first provincial regiment of marines, numbering about 900, which will be among the first troops to leave, are now concentrating from various posts at Camp Columbia. About half this regiment will sail from Havana on January 1 on the cruiser Prairie, which arrived here Christmas eve, bound for Newport News. The Prairie will return about the middle of the month and take on board the remainder.

The embarkation will be effected with as little ceremony as possible, and it is probable that their departure will be attended with as little notice as marked their landing.

The purpose in deferring the departure of a portion of the Seventeenth infantry until April 1 has been the subject of considerable speculation, but it is believed that this was agreed upon at a conference between Governor Magdon and President Gomez. It is thought to be a measure of precaution, for which the slightest necessity is now apparent, but it probably is for the purpose of keeping the barracks and quarters in good order until it is possible to put them in the hands of the new permanent army under command of General Pino Guerrero, the nucleus of which will be formed, it is intended, with the present corps of Cuban artillery and a thousand members of the rural guard.

Cubans are greatly pleased by the departure of the American forces as marking the complete establishment of independence. All show the kindest feelings towards the troops.

SIMPLE FUNERAL FOR SUGAR KING

Claus Spreckels Will Be Laid to Rest Tomorrow With Brief Services for Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Simple ceremonies will mark the funeral of Claus Spreckels, the multi-millionaire sugar king, who died in his home in this city yesterday after a brief illness resulting from an attack of pneumonia. The body will be laid to rest tomorrow afternoon in the mausoleum erected by Rudolph Spreckels, the second son of the dead monarch, at Cypress Lawn cemetery, a few miles south of this city.

The honorary pall bearers will be Dr. N. Earl, E. W. Hopkins, Robert O. Bond, W. G. Lewis, John Scott Wilson, Captain L. E. Alex, L. J. L. Iver, and Charles H. Hobbs. Rev. J. H. Fendling, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church, of which Mr. Spreckels was a member, will conduct the religious services, which will be held at the house and will be very brief.

The body will be conveyed to the house to the junction of 24th and Van Ness streets, and there transferred to the funeral car of the electric line, which will bear it and the relatives and most intimate friends of the dead man to the cemetery, where the coffin will be placed in the vault with but a simple prayer by the clergyman.

Throughout the day the body has lain in state in the great living room of the Howard street mansion of the Spreckels family. It reposes in a massive lead-lined, bronze-casket under a full length plate glass covering. All about it are bouquets of flowers and garlands placed there by the many friends of the deceased who have visited the house to stand for a moment beside the bier.

The members of the family have been inaccessible except to the closest friends only, but by mail and telegraph messages of sympathy have been showered upon them, coming from all parts of this country and many places abroad.

On many of the large buildings of the city and on numerous deep-sea vessels berthed along the water front the national colors drooped at half-mast today in honor of the dead capitalist of industry, while out in Golden Gate park, in the great stone band stand that was presented to the city by Mr. Spreckels, the regular Sunday afternoon concert was altered into a musical service of mourning, dirges and the more sorrowful of the classical composition replacing the lighter airs usually rendered.

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F. J. HENRY IN PITTSBURG CASES

Report That He Will Act as Special Examiner in the Municipal Scandal There.

WILL INVESTIGATE U. S. BANK DEALS

To Act at Roosevelt's Request, It Is Said—Ministers Urge Punishment of All the Guilty Grafters.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.—Officially there were no developments in Pittsburgh's municipal scandal today. No additional arrests were made today and no action for or against the seven accused councilmen and two former bankers arrested last Monday night was taken.

There is a rumor tonight that Francis J. Henry, who uncovered the Oregon land frauds and who was conspicuous in the San Francisco graft frauds, is coming here shortly at the request of President Roosevelt to investigate the alleged bribery so far as it is connected with the city's institutions. According to Washington reports, Mr. Henry was in conference with the president yesterday on the Pittsburgh situation. If he comes here it will be in the capacity of a special examiner. It is said, to investigate the alleged use of money by institutions of national banks to have their institutions made depositories of the city's funds. A statement was made at the preliminary hearing of the men under arrest that \$175,000 had been thus expended.

Nearly every minister at either morning or evening service in his church today either devoted his whole sermon to the subject of graft or made reference to it. There was in the pulpit a general sentiment that the investigation was to the bottom and that punishment be imposed wherever deserved.

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL THIS SESSION

Question Is Troubling Members of Both Parties, on Account of Treasury Deficit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The question whether there will be a rivers and harbors bill during this congress is becoming a matter of much concern to members of both houses.

In accordance with the usual custom of passing such a bill only once every two years, no effort was made to get one through last session, but it was then generally understood that no obstacle would be placed in its way at the second session. Now the committees having charge of the question find themselves confronted by a constantly growing deficit in the treasury, with the result that they find it quite impossible to give any satisfactory assurances to colleagues, who, like themselves, want legislation.

Knowledge of the situation is, however, having but little if any influence in causing a diminution of the pressure and the importunate ones are urging the prospect of improved business conditions. Senator Frye, chairman of the senate committee and Mr. Burton, who holds a like position at the head of the House committee, are giving due evidence to these representatives, but so far they find themselves quite unprepared to say what will be done.

DEMONSTRATION TO ASSIST GOMPERS

200,000 Labor Men to Protest Against Jail Sentences Handed Labor Leaders.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Planning a demonstration of 200,000 labor men next Sunday in protest against the jail sentences imposed upon Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, the Central Federation Union today appointed a committee to make arrangements and adopted resolutions, of which a copy was sent to President Roosevelt.

The executive committee announced it had sent a telegram to the defendants assuring that every legal means would be utilized to prevent their imprisonment.

It was decided also that action by any labor union looking for pardon for the men sentenced should be discouraged, the federated union taking the position that no crime had been committed, and it would not be proper to seek pardon.

MORE RUMORS OF ARRESTS BUT NOBODY IS PINCHED FOR MONROVIA ROBBERY

MONROVIA, Cal., Dec. 27.—It is asserted tonight that the Pinkerton detectives have a denuncie due to the person or persons who robbed the First National Bank of Monrovia of \$23,000 some days ago, and that at least one person is under strict surveillance. An arrest, and possibly more than one, is expected to take place tomorrow, and it is said that the action will cause a sensation in Southern California.

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WEATHER
Temperature, dry, light.
Foggy, clear, cool, light.
Wind, W., 10 to 15 m.p.h.
Maximum temperature, 55.
Minimum temperature, 40.
Humidity, 70 to 80 per cent.
Forecast for tomorrow:
Clear, Monday and Tuesday.

LOCAL BREVITIES
It would be a good idea
to conserve fuel at the home.
The first of the year.
Ask for French creamery butter.
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Co.
Saddle Creek, H. H. Hark, Stables, M.
121.
Ask your grocer for Mr. Campbell's
apples.
Turkey wanted at Santa Fe Market,
Hobbs-Parkes Co.
The French Laundry, of which
H. Hansen is the pastor, will hold Christmas
mas service at 250 J street at 11 a.
m. today.

Homecoming entries have been filed in
the Fresno land office by Charles H.
Hansen of Fresno for the eastern
quarter of Section 1, and by Benjamin W.
Moyle of Monmouth, Fresno county, for
the northeast quarter of 2-1-1-1.

The Fresno Lecture Club closed will
meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the
day hall for practice, instead of Tuesday
evening, as Prof. Taylor has to leave
on Wednesday. The "Formal"
meeting will be held on Tuesday evening.
An interesting lecture, as the club
will meet again for the club soon.

The funeral of Mrs. Joseph H. Martin,
who died on Saturday night, will take
place this afternoon at 2:30 from the
funeral home of J. H. Martin, 1214
N. 1st St. The deceased was born
March 11, 1871, and died on November
10, 1926. Surviving are the husband,
the daughters and two sons.

G. E. Shade, a prisoner at the county
jail, who is accused of the murder of
a woman, was yesterday taken to the
Fresno State Prison, where he will
remain until his trial.

Deputy Sheriff Ernest Dunsberry re-
turned yesterday from a mission trip
to the San Joaquin valley. While in
the valley, he was accompanied by
a man named "John" who had
been in the valley for some time.
The man was taken to the county
jail, where he will remain until his
trial.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. George Virginia were
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VINE GROWERS OF THE STATE

Organization Complete, Edu-
cational Work Begins.
Bulletin Showing What Has
Been Done for the
Grape Industry.

Remember: God helps those that
help themselves.
The Fresno Bulletin No. 1 sent out
by the Fresno Growers of California
organization on July 22nd last to protect
and promote the viticultural industry
in all its branches. The bulletin gives
in review of the movement under four
heads, namely:

1. **ORGANIZATION.**
Since the original mass meeting in
San Francisco, last June, when the
Fresno Growers of California were
organized, the organization has been
active in the educational work of the
state. The bulletin is a record of the
work done by the organization since
its formation.

2. **EDUCATIONAL WORK.**
The secretary of the Fresno Growers
of California, during his visit to
the state, has been gathering an
excellent collection of pictures of Cal-
ifornia vineyards. These pictures have
been used in the educational work of
the organization. The bulletin is a
record of the work done by the organization
since its formation.

3. **LEGISLATION.**
The Fresno Growers of California have
been active in the legislative work of
the state. The bulletin is a record of
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4. **WHAT MUST BE DONE.**
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lent outlet for the immense quantities
of grapes that are yearly coming into
bearing and threaten to glut the mar-
ket to the disadvantage of the grape
growers.
Now that the organization of the
Fresno Growers of California is prac-
tically complete, the educational work
will begin. Everything that human
agency can do to return to the
grape growers the prosperity they de-
serve will be done. The central or-
ganization will be in a position to
present vines prominently before the
people of the United States; they
will teach the American people
how to drink wine intelligently. They
will ask for legislation that will
bring the product of our vineyards to
the attention of the world and awaken
a new interest in the growing of
grapes. But in order to accomplish
all this, the grape growers through-
out the state must be organized and
must have the support of the legisla-
ture. They are entitled to recog-
nition. They can have it. If they will
only pull together. In union there is
strength.

CITY WORK.
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excellent collection of pictures of Cal-
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been used in the educational work of
the organization. The bulletin is a
record of the work done by the organization
since its formation.

If there are any grape growers in
your section who have not contrib-
uted to our organization, please send
them a copy of this bulletin. We will
forward them a copy of a
bulletin entitled "No More
Alcoholic Drinks." It is a booklet
which will show the necessity of
prohibition. The names of the
different organizations are included in
this bulletin.

President Andrew Shattuck, who
has been abroad, has returned to the
state. He secured valuable let-
ters from our consuls at Milan, Na-
ples and Genoa, showing that the
people of Italy are temperate and drink
wine. He also secured a letter from
the British consul at London, which
will be of great value to the organization.

The Fresno Growers of California are
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AGAINST THE DIVORCE EVIL

Interdenominational Com-
mission Presents Bills.
Supporting More Thoughtful
Entry Into Marriage
State.

In behalf of the executive committee
of the interdenominational commission
on marriage and divorce for the south-
ern section of California, Francis W.
Moody, secretary at Pasadena, Cal.,
has addressed a circular "To the Friends
of Home Unity in the State of Cal-
ifornia" as follows:
In opposition to the easy going and
often thoughtless method of securing a
divorce under our present laws, and in
support of a more thoughtful and sober
entry into the marriage state, we ask
your attention to and commend upon
the enclosed statement of facts, reasons
and measures.

We also present herewith a brief of
all the bills that have so far been sub-
mitted to us.
But I provide for the publication of
books of matrimony in newspapers two
weeks before license for marriage can
be issued.
But I call for a divorce examiner to
be a paid representative of the state
in all divorce cases, and to oppose them,
and require the service of summons and
all other papers to divorce actions on
the divorce examiner.

But I list as causes such adultery
and extreme cruelty as would be the
ground for divorce, and make it a crime
to be guilty of fraud, or collusion in
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while intoxicated last night. The
was discovered today.

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said day, at its office in the Com-
monwealth Building, in the City of
Boston, said Board, and the Clerk of
said Board, is hereby directed to give due
notice of said hearing by publication in the
Morning Republican for ten (10) days
prior to said hearing.

W. O. M.
Clerk of the Board.

By A. D. Ewing, Deputy,

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